

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-18 were pending and rejected. In this response, no claim has been canceled. Claims 1-3, 7-10, and 15 have been amended. The support of the amended claims can be found in Figure 2 and its associated text of the present application. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5 and 7-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,256,354 of Yoshida et al. ("Yoshida"). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshida.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 include limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by Yoshida. Specifically, Yoshida fails to disclose the specific configuration of a codec recited in the independent claims 1, 10, and 15. Therefore, claims 1, 10, and 15 are not anticipated by Yoshida. Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are not anticipated by and is patentable over Yoshida. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

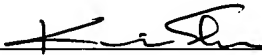
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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